

# THE PULSE

of The New York Hospital Employees — 68th to 71st Streets, York Avenue to East River

COLUMBUS DAY 1944

## Alterations

The New York Hospital has submitted plans for interior alterations, to the War Production Board in Washington. It is hoped that priorities will be granted shortly for these changes. The changes will make possible the addition of approximately 160 beds—distributed among the Ward, Semi-Private and Private services. In the new plans the Surgical Service will be concentrated on the 7th, 8th, 9th and part of the 6th floors. The Medical Service will be concentrated on the 4th, 5th and part of the 6th floors. This makes available the 2nd and 3rd floor for the addition of Semi-Private and Private Patient facilities.

These changes will not appear over-night since it will be necessary for us to maintain a functioning unit during the alterations. It is, however, expected that the work will be completed within a year following approval from the War Production Board. The many detailed plans necessary have not yet been completed, but these will be available in the near future for general inspection.

## Nursing Commencement

The commencement exercises of the Cornell University-New York Hospital School of Nursing were held in the residence of the school on Tuesday evening, September 26, 1944, with Miss Bessie A. R. Parker presiding. Dr. Henry T. Moore, President of Skidmore College, delivered the address. Diplomas and nursing school pins were presented by Mr. Langdon P. Marvin, and Dr. Edmund Ezra Day presented the Cornell University degrees. The graduates wore the blue plaid graduate uniform, and several alumnae helped them adjust the new caps and kerchiefs. A reception followed in the lounge. We wish the forty-six young graduates every success and happiness in their careers.

## Letters from Friends in Service

Lt. Mary Blitstein, former nurse in Woman's Clinic, wrote recently from somewhere in Italy: "Have certainly been a busy woman since I left the New York Hospital in September 1942, joined the A.N.C. and then came overseas with the Mt. Sinai medical unit in May 1943. We had a long stay in North Africa where we had an excellent set-up. Saw my first battle casualties there four days after the Sicilian invasion, and now in Italy for some time.

"Have a new tent-mate who is a graduate of the old N.Y.H., Mercedes Ortega. The other day when she received her mail I noticed the *Pulse*. I nearly tore it out of her hands. Couldn't believe my eyes. Read all about my friends—Capt. Griffin, Donald Nelson, Leslie Dill, and many others.

"Please give my best to all."

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The following letter was received on July 15th from Lt. Bruce Valentine, former intern from the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology. He is now on an L.S.T.

"Thank you very much for the many good wishes that you sent in your collective letter. I was glad to hear the various tidbits about the W.C. and it certainly brought back memories which were pleasant. I saw Johnny Walsh for a few minutes recently over here; he was receiving our load of casualties. He certainly looked fine and dapper as ever. He seemed to like the work very much and was looking forward to getting into the thick of it more. For my part, we have been in the thick of it right along, but it is beginning to quiet down now. I can't say any more than that without giving something away. There is another doctor on board from Cornell, Joseph Butler, of my class, and we had fun working together through this experience. However, there is no place like home.

"Thanks again for the letter. Best of luck to all."

## New Procedure for Identification Cards

In order to improve the service and to conserve time during these extremely busy days, on October 1st some new procedures as to the identification cards went into effect. These changes are set forth in the following steps with the hope that they may answer any questions or comments which may arise in the minds of our readers concerning them.

- 1—All identification cards will be issued by the Personnel Department on the *first* day of employment.
- 2—In the cases of all persons *not* employed through the Personnel Department, i.e., Nurses, Dietitians, Social Workers and Doctors, the individual will come to the Personnel Department on the *first* day of employment with specified authorization from his or her Department Head.
- 3—The Personnel Department is located in the Sub-Basement of L Building in Room L-0013.
- 4—Pictures for the identification cards will be taken in the Personnel Department at the time the temporary identification card is issued. The hours for this service are from 9 until 5 on weekdays, and from 9 until 12:30 on Saturdays.
- 5—The temporary section of this card will be given to the employee to use until the permanent section, complete with picture, is presented to him or her at the later date by the Department Head.
- 6—This identification card must be presented for all transactions such as receiving payroll checks, medical treatments, and whenever requested to do so by gatemen or guards.
- 7—These identification cards must be surrendered to the Personnel Department upon termination of employment.
- 8—The identification cards will be authorized yearly in the Personnel Department.

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## L 3 Control Center

In accordance with the progress of the war in Europe, our war-time activities were curtailed on July 1, 1944 to the extent of eliminating the District Hospital Control Center from our supervision. The student nurses and medical students who "manned" the control center for the past two years need no longer report in the event of an air-raid or black-out. Their work was highly appreciated and of such high quality that the hospital, on several occasions, received commendation from Dr. Bernecker, chief of the Emergency Medical Service.

## In Memoriam

Major William A. Johnson, who was an intern and assistant resident in Obstetrics and Gynecology from 1936 to 1938, died on June 11, 1944 in England as a result of injuries suffered in an airplane accident. Dr. Johnson started in practice in his chosen specialty in Uniontown, Pennsylvania and enlisted in December 1940. He went to England in 1943 as a flight surgeon in the United States Air Corps. Dr. Johnson was the first member of the staff of the Lying-In Hospital to make the supreme sacrifice.

## THROUGH THE PEEP HOLE

We have been considerably annoyed by the wanton acts of vandalism noticed in the service elevators and on the outside surface of our hospital building. We do hope the practice of defacing walls will be limited to the homes of the persons involved.

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Miss Doris Cassidy of Mr. Downey's staff married Mr. Frank Bena on Sunday, September 17th. Miss Kathleen Campbell, cashier in the East Dining Room acted as the Maid-of-Honor.

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Mention for this issue goes to Mr. Tom Flaherty, attendant on Urology. Tom has been with the Hospital since it opened, coming here from the old Cornell Clinic. His record shows twenty-two years of splendid service. Tom's pleasing manner and efficiency is known to many in this institution. Congratulations.

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We hear that Second Class Water Tender Lewis Stern reports progress at the Philadelphia Navy Yard where he is taking a course of study. Well do we remember Lew as an elevator operator here.

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Mr. Bert Payson of the Payne Whitney Nursing Staff is "vacationing" on the S.S. Gripsholm in the capacity of a nurse. We cordially invite Mr. Payson to tell us of his experiences in the next issue of the *Pulse*.

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Lawrence Jacobson, R. N. of Payne Whitney, who contributed that splendid article on Men Nurses in the last issue of the *Pulse*, has demonstrated to us that he is the same as other daddies. Merely mention Karin (his daughter) for an unusual exhibition of chest expansion.

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Mr. Casey's protection boys certainly presented a nifty appearance in their new summer uniforms.

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We want to compliment Mr. Frank Byrd, elevator pilot for his skill in maneuvering the cars in his command. He never misses a signal.

## Unique Real Estate Ad

Tumbledown house on hilltop for sale in Litchfield Hills, Connecticut. Two miles from town. No babbling brook. Extensive grounds for pushing lawn mower. Bad golf, shooting, fishing, etc. Twelve acres inclosed by horse fence adjoining hunt club. Dump near house with skunks, rabbits and field mice rattling around. Approximately thirty apple trees. General Electric oil burner. Domestic problems terrible. Price \$29,000. X 125 Herald Tribune.

Mr. X 125. Dear Sir: Referring to your "tumbledown house" ad. Having always disliked the country, I find the detailed description of your property irresistible. One of my reasons for disliking the country is a deep rooted aversion to week-end guests. Obviously this problem would be entirely eliminated. I should like to inspect your property at my convenience, when you can assure me that the skunks will be there, that you will be out. Y 35 Herald Tribune.

## Freshmen

On Saturday morning, September 30, approximately eighty-five freshman students registered in the Nurses Residence. That afternoon they, with their parents and the faculty, attended a tea in the large student lounge. A church meeting held on Sunday preceded a very busy week of classes and social activities. The upperclassmen have been very busy with "Welcome Freshmen" plans (and we might add so has Miss Mary T. McDermott and her staff). The program includes a Welcome Little Sister dinner, an all school sing, and Open House parties on the student floors.

## The Unit

Latest word from our nurses came in a letter written September 5, and received the 21st. They have all left the place (censored) where they were. "We were busy for awhile closing shop and waiting. There was much to do-good swimming both at the beach and at a magnificent mountain pool . . . We are quartered in ward buildings, thirty to each and are attached temporarily to the General Hospital . . . We will help out there until their own nurses arrive."



# THE INQUIRING REPORTER

QUESTION: What Is Your Pet Peeve?



**Mr. Jimmie Bowden** — Protection Department: "The passengers in the crosstown bus who refuse to move to the rear despite the driver's pleas, blocking the way of fellow passengers boarding the bus."



**Miss Evalyn Strinati** — Secretary: "Filing cabinets—and finding things in them. I swear those papers have a merry jig every night and forget to return to their proper folders."



**Mr. James Barritt** — Accounting Department: "Having washed hands and finding no paper towels in container, or so jammed they cannot be removed."



**Miss Roberta Hamann** — Department of Pediatrics: "The temperature in the fountain lunch room."



**Mr. Cy. Laikes** — Garden Dining Room: "Mind-changers."



**Miss Margaret Vogel** — Nursing Office: "Discourteous people."

## Profile

This concerns "Gentleman Jim" of the Accounting Department. James M. Barritt has been with the hospital since it opened in 1932. At that time "Jim" was just one of the bookkeepers, but now he is our chief accountant.

Most of us have met Jim, since in addition to keeping the gears greased in the accounting, he assists us in matters pertaining to A.H.S., Group Insurance, Income Tax and is a Notary Public. He is also the accountant for the Gift Shop, a service for which they are grateful.

This genial gentleman resides in Laurelton, Long Island, where Mrs. Barritt keeps their tidy home. "Jim" must be as busy as the proverbial one arm paper hanger to accomplish all the work he does, and at the

same time keep his wife and family happy and do all the repairs that every house owner is required to do. There are two others in the Barritt family, a son and daughter. It is known that the son is a boy scout and has progressed in this field to the highest rank of Eagle Scout. Both Mr. and Mrs. Barritt can be proud of this achievement.

We shouldn't overlook mentioning "Jim's" other extra curricular activities. He is the deacon and treasurer of the church he and his family attend, and also the Assistant Scout Master of his son's scout troop.

"Jim" is an ardent follower of the comics in the "News". He keeps himself abreast of the crime buster Dick Tracy, Orphan Annie and Terry and the Pirates. Should you borrow his "News" don't ever forget

to return it as the rest of the family depends on him to take the paper home.

You will always find "Jim" with his broadest smile when he has the ladies around him. If you have ever been to room H-103 you may have noticed how well he has himself surrounded by the girls.

He is the possessor of a keen sense of humor and it is our opinion his personality is responsible for his host of friends in our organization.

Mr. Barritt's services to the hospital are greatly appreciated and his judgment is dependable and reliable. The geyser at Yellowstone National Park called "Old Faithful", has nothing on "Jim" Barritt who is counted on by everyone as "Old Reliable".

"Jim" is a gentlemen of the old school.

## Prohibition in the Home

I had twelve bottles of whiskey in my cellar, and my wife made me empty the contents of each and every bottle down the sink. So I proceeded to do as my wife desired and withdrew the cork from the first bottle, poured the contents down the sink with the exception of one glass which I drank. I then withdrew the cork from the second bottle and did likewise with the exception of one glass which I drank. I extracted the cork from the 3rd bottle, emptied the good old booze down the bottle except a glass which I devoured. I pulled the cork from the 4th sink and poured the bottle down the glass, when I drank some. I pulled the sink out of the next cork and poured the bottle down my neck. I pulled the next bottle out of my throat and poured the cork down the sink, all but the sink which I drank. I pulled the next cork from my throat and poured the sink down the bottle and drank the cork. WELL, I had them all emptied and I steadied the house with one hand and counted the bottles which were 24. So counted them again when they came around again and I had 74. And as the houses came around I counted them and finally I had all the houses and bottles counted. I proceeded to wash the bottles; but I could not get the brush in the bottles, so I turned them inside out and washed and wiped them all and went upstairs and told my other half all about what I did and OH, BOYS, I've esgot the wift little nice in the world.

## A Friend of Ours

Since January 1st a quiet, but very business-like gentleman has worked among us, and those who have had occasion to work with him are soon aware of his capabilities.

Joseph McNally represents the telephone company, and spends a great deal of his time here keeping our extensive system in tip-top shape. His headquarters are in H-0015 directly beneath our switchboard.

A service of twenty-one years with Bell Telephone is Mr. McNally's record to date. A native of Brooklyn, his most important interest—a six-year old son and a three-year old daughter.

We are glad to have Mr. McNally with us.

## Marriages

Lt. Eva Watkins, 1938, to Capt. Wilson J. Bentley, in Algiers, 1943.

Henrietta Desnoyers, 1943, to Ensign Stephen Teeder, 1944.

Lt. Cloybelle Ly Barker, 1939, to Lt. Charles Allen Lee, in Hawaii, April, 1944.

Lucy Jane Rogers to Richard Karl, September 19, 1944, Riverside Church, New York City. They were attended by Miss Constance Karl, sister of the groom, and Alan Goulding, a classmate. Mrs. Karl is a niece of Lt. Col. Willis Morris Weeden, Cornell 1918, who has been on duty in India for some time. On Tuesday, September 26, Ensign Karl graduated from Cornell Medical College and Mrs. Karl from the Cornell University-New York Hospital School of Nursing.

Natalie Sundberg, 1945, to Alan Goulding, Cornell 1944, September 20, 1944, in Pelham, New York.

On September 9, 1944, Miss Adelle Sawyer, Assistant Director of the Nurses Residence, was married to Mr. George Wood, Jr. Following her resignation, Miss Anne Pittman, of Austin, Texas, was appointed to succeed her in the position. We have enjoyed our contacts with Miss Sawyer, and wish her every happiness.

Miss Helen Clancy, nurse on M-8, was married on September 2nd to Dr. Harry Powers, on the House Staff of the Woman's Clinic. Miss Anna Klubko, also a nurse in the Woman's Clinic, was married on the same day.

## Verda F. Hickcox

Miss Verda F. Hickcox, head of the Department of Obstetrical and Gynecological Nursing, on a leave of absence for one year, has been appointed director of staff welfare for the American Red Cross in the European Theatre of Operations. Miss Hickcox is well equipped for such a mission, as she has had preparation for both institutional and public health nursing. She will coordinate all medical services and health supervision for American personnel and act as liaison officer with the U. S. Army Medical Corps whose facilities are at the disposal of the American Red Cross. During Miss Hickcox's absence, Miss Mary E. Klein will be in charge of the Obstetrical and Gynecological Nursing Service.

## Heir Corps

A daughter, Gail Leslie, to Mr. and Mrs. Dean Fleming, nee Ferne Eller, 1934, May 6, 1944.

A daughter, Diana Lynn, to Warrant Officer and Mrs. Hilbert L. Heberling, nee Anna Wahlgren, 1939, May 4, 1944.

A son, Thomas, Jr., to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Sinnott, nee Madalyn Grubb, 1941, June 1944.

Dr. and Mrs. Jose Nonidez are the proud parents of a baby boy born on July 10th in the New York Hospital. Dr. Nonidez is from the Department of Anatomy.

A daughter was born to Dr. and Mrs. Gardner Child on July 15th at the New York Hospital. Dr. Child is a surgeon here.

Dr. and Mrs. George W. Dana are the proud parents of a baby girl born in the New York Hospital on August 13th. Dr. Dana graduated from Cornell in June 1942.

On August 27th a son was born to Dr. and Mrs. Victor Marshall at Lying-In Hospital. The young man's weight was 6 lbs. 14 oz. and his name shall be Fray Francis.

## Engagements

Lotta Weiner, 1942, to Ulrich R. Furst, of Chicago.

Jane Bostwick, 1943, to Dr. Harold Hawfield, of North Carolina.

Ethel Banoff, 1943, to Henry Lang.

Dorothy Strunk, 1940, to James Grove Halliday, Scully-Walton Oxygen Therapy Company, chief supervisor of oxygen therapy department, N. Y. City.

Hearty congratulations are being extended to Miss Lucille R. Hoffmann and Dr. John E. Hughes whose engagement was recently announced.

Miss Hoffmann, a Mount Holyoke graduate, has been Dr. Rennie's secretary for the past two years and an active participant and contributor to the rehabilitation work of the Payne Whitney Clinic.

Dr. Hughes graduated from Georgetown University Medical College and has trained at Gallinger Hospital in Washington, the New Haven Hospital and The New York Hospital.

Better have a look at Miss Hoffmann's diamond, it's a whopper!



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**PLUS** After Twenty-one Days, 90 Days of Hospital Service at Discounts of 50% on the hospital's charges for all services listed above.

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A subscriber who occupies a private room *does not receive the above services without charge* during the 21 "full benefit" days as does the subscriber occupying semi-private accommodations. Instead, he personally pays to the hospital for such services received, the difference between the *total* hospital charges and the amount which the Plan pays to the hospital. In other words the Associated Hospital Service gives you a generous cash allowance against the amount of your bill.

**AFTER 21 DAYS IN EACH CONTRACT YEAR** — A discount allowance of \$3.00 per day for an additional period up to 90 days in private rooms.

If a new contract year begins during a hospital stay and the number of "full benefit" days available exceeds 21 days the payment rate for each additional "full benefit" day will be \$6.00.

In hospital stays of seven or less "full benefit" days—except in admissions for Tonsillectomy and Adenoidectomy and for normal childbirth, and in non-member hospitals — the following alternative rates will apply if more beneficial to the subscriber: \$5.00 per day plus an aggregate allowance in an amount of \$30.00 toward, but not in excess of, the hospital's regular charges for X-ray and laboratory examinations and the use of the operating room.

(The above allowances are subject to change upon approval of the New York State Departments of Insurance and Social Welfare.)

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### **IN HOSPITALS LOCATED ANYWHERE OUTSIDE OUR OPERATING AREA**

The same benefits are provided for subscribers in non-member hospitals outside of our operating area, regardless of the accommodations occupied, as are allowed for subscribers in *private rooms in member hospitals* with the exception that the alternative rates set forth under Private Rooms do not apply.

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The contract does not cover physicians' fees; mental or nervous disorders; communicable diseases requiring isolation or quarantine; Workmen's Compensation cases; pulmonary tuberculosis; rest cures; out-patient service, except for emergency first aid within 24 hours after an accident; private nurses; admissions primarily for diagnosis or physical therapy. Pre-existing conditions are not covered during the first 11 months after enrollment.

Limitations of space make it impossible to describe all the provisions of the contract. For detailed information please ask for our general descriptive folder.

***Protect yourself if you are not already a member — sign up now.***

*Sickness and accident usually strike without warning and bring with them worry over expense. That is why, now more than ever, protection against the cost of illness or injury is important to every individual.*

# *To All Employees of the New York Hospital*

The New York Hospital offers an individual membership in the Associated Hospital Service Blue Cross Plan to all present active hospital employees paid entirely by The New York Hospital, with the exception of student nurses and house staff. Please note the following points:



"A SICK PERSON NEEDS HOSPITAL SERVICE . . . NOT CASH"



"A PREPAID HOSPITAL BILL IS THE BEST AID TO RECOVERY"

1. This is a gift to you from the Hospital. It will not cost you a cent to protect yourself.
2. You are eligible for this benefit and protection if you are under 65 years of age and when employed by the Hospital for six months or more.
3. Membership provides you with the privileges listed on the next page.
4. If you have already joined the Associated Hospital Service through some other organization, this Hospital will arrange to have the cost of your membership transferred to its account.
5. Privileges are effective in this Hospital or in any other hospital during a member's illness.
6. Any eligible employee may provide the same protection to a husband or wife and all unmarried children under 18 by making a small monthly payment for their membership.

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To register your name for membership or for further information — please go to the Personnel Department, L-0013 before November 6, 1944.



# Hospi - Tales

Miss Helen M. Daum, N.Y.H. 1918, formerly assistant professor of nursing and supervisor of medical nursing service at Cornell University - New York Hospital School of Nursing, became director of nursing of the school of nursing at Flower-Fifth Avenue Hospital of the New York Medical College on May 1st, 1944. In the twelve years of service she has just completed at The New York Hospital she has ably demonstrated her ability to undertake this new responsibility. She carries with her the congratulations and the good wishes of all of her associates.

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Bugs Baer says, "Schickelgruber is surrounded like a clam in a New England clam chowder."

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Recently some of our employees have given hospital phone numbers as the contact point for answers to personal classified advertising.

Please do not add this additional burden to our already overtaxed telephone staff.

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Q. How old would a person be who was born in 1887?

A. Man or Woman?

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Calvin White, a former *Pulse* Editor, now associated with Dole Hawaiian Pineapple Company, Honolulu (1), Hawaii, U.S.A., in a note to Mr. Sargent relates, "Right now, of course, it isn't exactly a pleasure cruise, but the islands are still a pretty fine place."

"Please give my regards to everyone. I hope to drop in for another visit in a year or so. Aloha, C. W."

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Mrs. Ruth Richardson, Assistant Housekeeper in the Student Annex, wishes to thank her many friends for the kind thoughts and consideration extended to her during her recent bereavement.

Miss Rosemary Harris and Miss Julia Shellshock, graduates of the June Dietary class entered the Army, August 1st. They are both stationed at New England Hospital, Atlantic City for their base training.

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Miss Emogene Loeskie, dietitian, received a diamond from George Grimmer, medical student. We hear that wedding bells will ring sometime in September.

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Congratulations to Morton Gluck of the Pharmacy Department.

He is the proud father of a 6¾-pound boy.

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Alice S. Robertson, Lucy Joan Kaldus, and Carol C. Heller will graduate from the School of Radiography in late September.

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Vincent James Hughes, Pfc-U.S. Marine Corps, married Jean Marie Stratford (X-Ray) Sunday, September 3, 1944 at St. Sebastian's Church, Woodside, L. I. Buffet held at Franklin Hotel, Jamaica, Long Island.

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Lt. (j.g.) Leslie Wackwitz (accounting) stopped in to see the gang. He has recently returned from the South Pacific area and will now be stationed in the United States.

We are happy to report that Lt. Wackwitz seems to be in the pink.

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We wish to extend our congratulations to Mrs. Elizabeth Watt, the housekeeper at the Payne Whitney Clinic. Mrs. Watt has been with the hospital a number of years and was recently made housekeeper. Reports emanating from the south-east are very favorable.

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On the third finger left hand of Miss Alice Satzuk is noted a beautiful ring. Miss Satzuk is a valued employee of the Payne Whitney Clinic and her Bill is a lucky fellow.

We welcome to our midst Mrs. Jane Chapman and Miss Edith Clute who have joined the teaching staff of the Payne Whitney Nursery School.

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Miss Elizabeth Moser is with us on temporary appointment as Assistant Dean of the School of Nursing and Assistant Director of the Nursing Service. Her office is in G-106, with the Nursing Administration offices.

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An article, illustrated with drawing, "A Central Supply-Room in Wartime", by Katherine Zorn, R.N., appeared on page 541 of the June, 1944, American Journal of Nursing. Miss Zorn, a graduate of Lenox Hill Hospital School of Nursing, New York City, is head nurse in charge of the central supply-room at the New York Hospital. An article by her on the organization and administration of the central supply service was published in the June, 1938 AJN.

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On May 12, 1944, Charles Wendell was invited into the Ping Pong Room of the Nurses' Residence. The punch bowl, filled with iced coco cola, and pink and white dishes and napkins were set out and candles blinked atop a large blue and white Birthday Cake—and was he surprised! Present were Misses McDermott, Sawyer, McGlinn, Bergstrom, Senko, Mrs. Doyle, Lennon, Gardini, Harrison, Hjak, Henry Citro, and the elevator men came in as they could. Charlie told us how young he is, too, but we can keep a secret.

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Miss Dorothy A. Vernstrom, formerly night supervisor at the New York Hospital, is assistant director of nursing at Flower-Fifth Avenue Hospital, New York City.

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Mrs. Mabel Story Crispell, N.Y.H. 1942, formerly assistant head nurse, is now instructor in medical nursing, succeeding Miss Helen Daum.

# Hospi-Tales

(Continued)

Miss Edith M. Nielsen, formerly head nurse, is night supervisor on medical and surgical services, succeeding Miss Dorothy Vernstrom.

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Miss Harriet Frost, Professor of Public Health Nursing and Associate Director of Cornell University-New York Hospital School of Nursing since 1932, resigned on July 31, 1944. She was educational director of the Visiting Nurse Society, Philadelphia, and supervisor of the Department of Public Health Nursing, Pennsylvania School of Social and Health Work, before she joined the Cornell-New York staff. Miss Frost will be greatly missed, but will not be forgotten for the roots of her consistent friendliness are deep and permanent. And, too, the new students will know of her, for her fine, and beautifully written, textbook "Nursing in Sickness and in Health: The Social Aspects of Nursing" is one of our very important reference books.

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We are very happy to again welcome an old friend, Mrs. Margery Treiber Overholser, who has succeeded Miss Harriet Frost. Mrs. Overholser was formerly supervisor of the pediatric outpatient department nursing service and recently consultant in pediatric nursing with the New York State Department of Health. She has also been on the faculties of the Bellevue school and the schools at Reading Hospital (Pa.) and Hahnemann, Philadelphia. During the past year she has taught in the Division of Nursing Education at Teachers College, Columbia.

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Miss Mary Beard, N.Y.H. 1903, director of American Red Cross Nursing Service since October 1, 1938, resigned for reasons of health early in August, 1944. Miss Beard's contribution to the war effort has been tremendous.

On September 12th, S/Sgt. James Gurezenda paid us a visit. He looks very well, and was headed out of town the same evening to a reclassification camp in the South. In his calm way, Jim said, "The job is not finished." He brought a message of John Moore, from whom he had heard recently. John is well, and very, very busy, and will write one day when he can do so. Meantime he sends greetings and good wishes to all his friends here.



"Gotta Match, Erie?" (Accident)

The House Committee is well underway with its continuous fine work and has interesting plans for the approaching season. Their first project is planning and sending Christmas boxes to our Unit. A June activity was the making of a record on which were recorded messages by representatives of every department, the alumnae association, and Red Cross.

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Miss Ola McPherson, N.Y.H. 1935, is working at the Orthopedic Hospital and considering occupational therapy for the fall. Second Lieutenant Louise Woermbeke, also of 1935, has been very ill with pneumonia in Mason General Hospital, Brentwood, Long Island.

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Mrs. Walter Zampier, nee Betty Deering, is back with us, working in the Blood Bank. She is of the class of 1940.

The Class of 1944 invited the Faculty to a picnic on June 22nd. Transportation? Easy—it was in the garden of the residence, our own back yard! And it was a great success, from charcoal fire heated franks on fresh hot rolls through potato salad and things to marshmallows, all with seconds! The garden proved ideal. The girls turned tables on their teachers when they asked for two minute talks on subjects pulled from a bowl. Then they removed a screen, revealed a hidden machine, and played recordings back to them. The group then gathered round and recorded singing of the school song, then went to the lounge where Miss Parker accompanied singing of other pieces. A nice surprise was having Miss Annie W. Goodrich present.

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We congratulate the ladies of the Red Cross Work Room in the south tower of the Residence on their fourth anniversary, which they celebrated with a luncheon in the garden on June 26th. They are to be commended on their great amount of excellent work turned out during this time.

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A long and very interesting letter has been received from Second Lieutenant Nina Rusk, who is on duty with the 43rd General Hospital.

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Major Ralph W. Gause, formerly from the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, just arrived from Tucson, Arizona, where he has been stationed for 1½ years. Major Gause is with the Second Air Force.

**When your friend or neighbor wants a job — remember that your hospital needs him.**

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**Wont you invite him in to talk it over?**



## The Telephone Works

You may believe, if you know that all interior calls are connected for you by mechanical devices, that an unnecessarily prolonged, inside call does not hamper telephone service.

When you get the familiar "busy" signal instead of the person you wish to talk to, do you take this as proof that that particular phone is busy? There is a good chance you may be wrong in both instances. Let us look into the fact:

When you remove your receiver you cause one of several electrical line finders to start looking for an open line. This process you can distinguish by the hum or dial tone on your line. If all line finders are busy the phone gives no response. You might think that it was out of order. Upon receipt of dial tone you dial the number you wish connected. The second electrical device, or connector, comes into action. There are sixteen of these connectors to each two-hundred group of numbers. If they are all busy you get the "busy" signal. If not, the connection is made and the bell at the other end rings.

You can see, therefore, that as only sixteen conversations can be in progress at one time in each group, calls should be made as brief as possible. Unnecessary calls may hamper some vital hospital business. Both personnel and mechanical facilities of our phone system are severely taxed in these times, and an understanding of this situation by the hospital associates will make for cooperation.



THE CHAPEL



OFFICER'S CLUB



PHYSIO-THERAPY CLINIC

## 9th General Hospital U. S. Army

It is a lasting tribute to the members of the 9th General Hospital (The New York Hospital Unit) that they built with their own hands, all the buildings of their hospital on an island in the South Pacific and installed running water, phones and electricity.

## Why Worry?

*99 Years From Now Wouldn't Make Any Difference*

I wonder why folks worry. There are only two reasons for worry. Either you are successful, or you are not successful. If you are successful, there is nothing to worry about; if you are not, there are only two things to worry about. Your health is either good or you are sick; if your health is good, there is nothing to worry about; if you are sick, there are only two things to worry about. You are going to get well or you are going to die; if you are going to get well, there is nothing to worry about; if you are going to die, there's only two things to worry about. You are either going to heaven or you are not going to heaven; if you are going to heaven, there is nothing to worry about; and if you are going to the other place you will be so damned busy shaking hands with your old friends you won't have time to worry. **SO WHY WORRY?**

## An Easy Method to Increase Your Income

You can put \$3, \$4 or \$5 in your pocket very easily if you will read and carry out the following steps:

- 1—You, yourself, bring to the Personnel Dept. some person who wants employment.
- 2—If the person remains in the hospital's employ for a month, you will receive \$3.00.
- 3—Provided, however, that you have remained in the employ of the hospital for the same length of time.
- 4—If you bring in a *second person*, and, that person stays for a month and you do also, you will receive \$4.00.
- 5—If you bring in *three or more persons* to be employed here, you will receive \$5.00 for each and every person whom you personally bring in, provided again that they and you are employed here the required month.
- 6—Inquire of your department head or at the Personnel office, L-0013, in the sub-basement, if you would like further information concerning this offer.



THE SATURDAY EVENING POST

**"To the Maternity Hospital—but don't hurry, I work there."**

## National War Fund

A special appeal has been made to the personnel of hospitals in Greater New York to support the "one-for-all, once-a-year" fund raising campaign for:

United Service Organizations  
United Seamen's Service  
War Prisoners Aid  
22 agencies for war relief abroad and  
9 agencies for war relief at home

Read the printed folders available in each department describing the work of these organizations.

Your department head will be glad to receive your contributions. Give all you can afford!

THE NEW YORK HOSPITAL  
COMMITTEE FOR NATIONAL WAR FUND

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